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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CALL BY CHIEF KAPUWO

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. DEPARTMENT IS NOT INCLINED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PERMIT CHIEF KAPUWO AND TWO OF HIS COLLEAGUES TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES TO DISCUSS USG AND UN SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL UNITY DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION (NUDO). CHIEF KAPUWO RECEIVED USG FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DURING HIS 1973 TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. WE BELIEVE THAT HIS CONTACTS WITH EMBOFFS IN SOUTH AFRICA ARE SUFFICIENTLY CLOSE SO
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THAT EMBASSY CAN REPORT HIS VIEWS ACCURATELY AND FULLY. WE

DO NOT BELIEVE CU FUNDS SHOULD BE EXPENDED FOR PARTISAN POLITICAL PURPOSES, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF USG POLICY OF NON-SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL PARTIES AND MOVEMENTS IN NAMIBIA. AN ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION IS THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SELECTED OR EARMARKED OTHER CANDIDATES FOR CU GRANTS IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

2. ON FEBRUARY 14 THREE NAMIBIANS, MEMBERS OF NUDO, CALLED AT DEPARTMENT AT THEIR REQUEST. ONE PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS

TO URGE USG FUNDING FOR A KAPUWO TRIP TO THE U. S. TO MEET WITH HIS NUDO (AND NATIONAL CONVENTION) SUPPORTERS. THE NAMIBIANS WERE INFORMED THAT THE USG HAD PARTIALLY FINANCED HIS 1973 TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES AND WERE GIVEN NO ENCOURAGEMENT THAT USG FINANCING WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE (MEMCON POUCHED CAPE TOWN, LONDON, LUSAKA AND USUN NEW YORK).

3. UNLESS EMBASSY CAPE TOWN HAS REASON URGE CONTRARY DECISION, DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS LONDON POLITELY TURN DOWN KAPUWO'S REQUEST ON POLICY GROUNDS THAT LIMITED CU FUNDS ARE INTENDED TO GIVE VISITORS A U.S. ORIENTATION AND NOT TO ENABLE RECIPIENTS TO SEEK POLITICAL OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM USG FOR THEIR POLITICAL PARTIES. KAPUWO SHOULD BE GENTLY URGED TO EXPLORE OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SUCH AS THE UN.

4. FOR CAPE TOWN. WE ARE INTRIGUED BY KAPUWO'S DESIRE TO SEEK USG AND UN SUPPORT FOR NUDO RATHER THAN FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION. WE HAVE NOTED FEB. 25 AFP STORY DATED WINDHOEK REPORTING THAT SWAPO, SWANU, THE REHOBOTH PEOPLES PARTY AND THE DAMARA TRIBAL EXECUTIVE HAD ALL LEFT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AND HAD FORMED THE NAMIBIA NATIONAL CONVENTION THUS LEAVING ONLY KAPUWO AND NAMA CHIEFS IN THE OLD NATIONAL CONVENTION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT ON AFP STORY. INGERSOLL

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